



Gates Mills Comprehensive Plan

Draft Questionnaire for Advisory Committee Review

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Introduction

Gates Mills is preparing a comprehensive 10-year plan that will provide recommendations to both (1) enhance the appeal of the village and the value of the land and property throughout the village while (2) retaining, if not enhancing, its unique historic character and quality of services.

Thank you for participating in this community survey. Your answers will be compiled with those of other village residents and be used to help inform the Advisory Committee regarding the issues to be addressed in the Plan. (To be expanded, along with directions on completing the survey).

Question 1. Which aspects, features or characteristics do you value most about Gates Mills? Please select not more than 4 responses.

1. Small town character, historic Village ambiance
2. Ties to family/friends
3. Type of housing available
4. Available lot sizes
5. Home value retention
6. Proximity to I-271, shopping, healthcare, other services
7. Proximity and access to the Metroparks
8. The Chagrin River Valley
9. Rural natural environment, trees
10. Mayfield Public School System
11. Proximity to private schools
12. Value for real estate/income taxes paid
13. Road maintenance
14. Community events
15. Safety (Police and Fire Departments)
16. Village parks and recreation facilities
17. Availability of broadband, cellular service
18. Communications from the Village
19. Local clubs/organizations
20. Local government
21. Other

Question 2. In the past twelve months, about how many times did you visit Gates Mills village ‘center’ (generally the area along Chagrin River Road from the Hunt Club to Gates Mills Elementary School)?

	10 or more times	7 – 9 times	4 to 6 times	1 to 3 times	Never
1. Village hall					
2. Library					
3. Businesses					
4. Post Office					
5. Marston Park, tennis/ pickleball courts					
6. Community House					

Question 3. When considering Gates Mills village ‘center’ (generally the area along Chagrin River Road from the Hunt Club to Gates Mills Elementary School), identify if each of the following is a strength or weakness for the Village center.

	Strength	Neutral	Weakness	Not Applicable
7. Village Hall				
8. Post Office				
9. Library				
10. Marston Park/Playground				
11. Gates Mills Elementary School				
12. Community House				
13. Hunt Club				
14. Village Arboretum				
15. Tennis & pickleball courts behind Village Hall				
16. Commercial businesses				
17. Village service center				

Question 4. How would you describe the current amount of development/activities in the Village center?

	Too much	Just right	Too little
1. Government facilities			
2. Commercial businesses			
3. Recreation facilities			
4. Housing			
5. Other _____			

Question 5. When considering Gates Mills’ existing residential areas, identify if each of the following is a strength or weakness for the Village today.

	Strength	Neutral	Weakness	Not Applicable
1. Character of residential neighborhoods				
2. Quality of housing				
3. Range of housing options				
4. The value and cost of housing				
5. Size of residential lots within walking distance of Village center (along Chagrin River Rd from the Hunt Club to Gates Mills Elementary School)				
6. Size of residential lots in remaining area of the Village				
7. Prevalence of on-site septic system				
8. Preservation of Western Reserve architecture				
9. Property maintenance				

Question 6. When considering Gates Mills’ existing community services/utilities, identify if each of the following is a strength or weakness for the Village today.

	Strength	Neutral	Weakness	Not Applicable
1. Police protection and public safety				
2. Fire protection and emergency response				
3. Electrical utility service				
4. Stormwater management				
5. Broadband, cellular access				

Question 7. When considering Gates Mills’ existing roadways, identify if each of the following is a strength or weakness for the Village today.

	Strength	Neutral	Weakness	Not Applicable
1. Condition of roadways				
2. Pedestrian and bicycle safety				
3. Traffic volume on Chagrin River Road				
4. Traffic management along main roads such as Mayfield and Chagrin River Roads				
5. Parking in Village center				
6. Street maintenance, snow removal				

Question 8. When considering Gates Mills’ existing natural areas, parks and recreation facilities, identify if each of the following is a strength or weakness for the Village today.

	Strength	Neutral	Weakness	Not Applicable
1. Village parks and playgrounds				
2. Accessibility to North Chagrin Reservation				
3. Amount of land conserved through public/conservation ownership				
4. Horseback riding trails				
5. Chagrin River				
6. Environmental features such as streams, unique topography, woodlands				
7. Village’s environmental protection ordinances, including steep slopes, riparian setbacks, etc.				
8. Hillside protection regulations limiting where homes can be built				

Question 9. When considering Gates Mills’ existing image and identity, identify if each of the following is a strength or weakness for the Village today.

	Strength	Neutral	Weakness	Not Applicable
1. Community reputation				
2. Community character				
3. Historic preservation				
4. Community events				
5. Community communications				
6. Village governance				
7. Community volunteer opportunities				
8. Village finances				
9. Village website				

Question 10. Considering the topics discussed, which are Gates Mills greatest strengths?
 (Comment box)

Question 11. Considering the topics discussed, which are Gates Mills greatest weakness?
 (Comment box)

Question 12. How satisfied are you with the overall quality of life in Gates Mills?

1. Very satisfied
2. Satisfied
3. Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
4. Dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied

Question 13. What concerns you the most about the future of the Village of Gates Mills?

Question 14. What do you consider to be the Village of Gates Mills' biggest challenge to address over the next 10 years?

Question 15. How many years have you lived in Gates Mills?

- Under 2 years
- 2 - 5 years
- 6 - 10 years
- 11 - 20 years
- 21 - 30 years
- More than 30 years

Question 16. How much longer do you plan to live in Gates Mills?

- Under 2 years
- 2 - 5 years
- 6 - 10 years
- 11 - 20 years
- 21 - 30 years
- More than 30 years

Question 17. Including yourself, what is the total number of people living in your household?

- 1 Person
- 2 People
- 3 People
- 4 People
- 5 People or more people

Question 18. Please indicate the number of people in your household that are in each of the following age groups:

- 0 to 10
- 11 to 17
- 18 to 29
- 30 to 54
- 55 to 69
- 70+ years

Question 19. What is your age?

- 18 to 29 years
- 30 to 54 years
- 55 to 69 years
- 70 to 84 years
- 85+ years